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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed August 8, 2000, be extended for three months to and including February 8, 2001.

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